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SUBJECT: RADIO CAIRO ON PRES FORD STATEMENT TO DAILY NEWS

1. RADIO CAIRO CARRIED COMMENTARY (1445 HOURS LOCAL MAY 22) ON PRES FORD'S INTERVIEW WITH NY DAILY NEWS. IT SAID PRES FORD BELIEVES AMERICA HAS THREE ALTERNATIVES: 1) RESUME STEP-BY-STEP DIPOMACY; 2) SEEK FINAL SETTLEMENT BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL, SYRIA AND ISRAEL AND JORDAN AND ISRAEL; AND 3) PHASED AGREEMENTS DURING NEGOTIATIONS TO ACHIEVE OVERALL SETTLEMENT. LATTER, HOWEVER, HE FEELS WILL TAKE A LONG TIME.

2. RADIO CAIRO DECLARED WITH REGARD TO FIRST ALTERNATIVE, STEP-BY-STEP DIPLOMACY HAS FAILED BECAUSE OF ISRAELI INSISTENCE ON EDNING STATE OF BELLIGENENCY IN RETURN FOR PARTIAL WITHDRAWAL FROM SINAI. THERE ARE NO INDICATIONS THIS METHOD WILL BE REVIVED. IN ANY EVENT, EGYPT AND ARAB STATES DO NOT CONSIDER STEP-BY-STEP A SUBSTITUTE FOR GENEVA.

3. AS TO SECOND ALTERNATIVE, SEEKING FAINAL SETTLEMENT BETWEEN ISRAEL AND ARAB COUNTRIES, RADIO CAIRO NOTED FORD REFERRED TO UNCLASSIFIED

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ARAB COUNTRIES SEPARATELY. THIS IT SAYS WOULD NOT BE ACCEPT-

ABLE, SINCE ARAB STATES LOOK TO ME SITUATION COMPREHENSIVELY AND INDIVISIBLY. SAME APPLIES TO PALESTINIAN SITUATION WHICH IS ARAB NATIONAL CAUSE. RADIO NOTED FORD DID NOT REFER TO PALESTINIAN CAUSE, WHEREAS THIS IS ESSENCE OF CONFLICT.

4. AS TO THIRD ALTERNATIVE, NAMELY, PHASED AGREEMENTS, CAIRO STATED ISREAL WOULD HAVE TO COMMIT ITSELF BEFOREHAND TO AN OVER-ALL SETTLEMENT, I.E. WITHDRAWAL FROM OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND ACCEPTANCE OF INDEPENDENT NATIONAL PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY OVER WEST BANK AND GAZA. IF SIRAEAL COMMITS HERSELF TO THIS, THEN SETTLEMENT WOULD NOT, CONTRAARY TO WHAT PRES FORD HAS SAID, TAKE A LONG TIME.

5. RADIO COMMENTARY CONCLUDED BY STATING AMERICAN STAND REMAINS UNCLER AND UNSPECIFIC. IT PARTICULARLY LACKS CLAITY WHERE PALESTINIAN CAUSE IF CONCERNED, AND THERE IS NO QUESTION THAT DECISIVE SETTLEMENT CAN BE RACHED WITHOUT DEALING WITH PALESTINIAN PROBLEM.  
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